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## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>



## Happy 4th of July

### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- July 5, 2005: Last "official" day for retro Thunderbird production. Actual last car was likely produced a day or so later.

### **Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:**

#### **Third Thursday TBird Lunch- July 17, 2025 @ 11:30 am\*\*\*\***

Casa Mia Restaurant, 17417 York Road, Parkton, MD 21120

*You read that right. Lunch, not breakfast. A New Time. A New Location. We are testing the waters to see if this might be more convenient for folks. Please let Cathy know by July 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.*

#### **Sunday, September 21, 1:00 PM**

#### **Annual \$2 Potluck Social**

Hosted by Phyllis Cherry

14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719

(Near Thurmont, MD).

**Please RSVP by September 17th so our host can prepare,**

Phyllis Cell: 443-831-2194 email: [pacherry@comcast.net](mailto:pacherry@comcast.net)

*Please bring a dish in the food category listed by the first letter of your last name, The \$2 goes to the host to offset costs. Phyllis and family are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.*

**"H to Q" Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to Z" Dessert**

*If bringing a salad or main dish, please provide enough to serve at least 8 people. If bringing a dessert, please provide enough to serve at least 10 people.*

*Note: Depending on attendance you might be contacted and asked to bring a different item.*



## President's Message July 2025

We had a wonderful turnout at **All Ford Nationals in Carlisle PA Jun 6-8, 2025** for a special celebration of the **Thunderbird's 70th anniversary!** We fellowshiped with LVTC, Central PA Thunderbird Club and Tom Przedwojewski and Allen Tast from VTCL who sponsored the tent this year. John Paganini from CTCL also joined us there. The meals shared with friends on both Friday and Saturday nights were very good with some fun conversations. Horrible thunder storm on Friday, but nobody melted and they even had a Thunderbird parade during the storm. Needlesthunderstorme of us participated in it...we are smarter than that. Thanks to Skip and Earl for all their work helping set up the weekend.

Our annual **picnic at the Denham's was June 22**, and we hoped it would be cooler than in the past but it wasn't. Zoeanne once again welcomed us into their home and we had great food and lots of fun and conversation. We felt like Dan was glad to see us also.

Skip turned the weather responsibility to Earl Dickinson for the **4<sup>th</sup> of July parades** and Earl did an excellent job. It was a gorgeous day and we had 9 cars in the Towson parade and 7 in Bel Air. Thanks to all who turned out! From MATC we had Skip Panowitz, Anne Collins, Earl & Judy Dickinson, Doug Read, Charles Samorodin, Dan Luber and myself, Cathy Kelley. We had 2 gentlemen from Central PA, Mike Fitzpatrick and Don Bowers join us and they hung out at our house between parades where we provided picnic food, as did the Panowitzs, Dickinsons and our brand new members Carolyn Petralia and Phil Mooney. We were impressed and greatly appreciate your support. → A huge shout out to Anne Collins for creating and providing the magnetic signs with the veterans' info for the cars. Their names were called out as we passed the reviewing stands as well as by spectators. Skip has photos in this newsletter. Best parade ever!!

We hope to get the birds out for an **ice cream run** sometime in August. Suggestions? We'll keep you posted via newsletter when we come up with something.

Thanks,

Cathy leads MATC in Bel Air parade with her veteran.  
(photo taken by her daughter)

*Cathy & Steve*



## EVENTS CALENDAR

*Official MATC/ITC activities are marked with \*\*\* and printed in bold. Our Thunderbird Club events are open to all years of Thunderbirds. Other events such as "AACA" events adhere to the 25-year rule or other designation. Applicable restrictions will be noted with each event.*

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Additional Information
Third Thursday 11:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Lunch Gathering	***MATC	Casa Mia Restaurant 17417 York Road, Parkton, MD 21120	Just off of I-83 Exit 27 Mt Carmel Road
All Year	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
<b>2025</b>				
July 11	National Collector Car Appreciation Day	—	TBD	TBD
Sept 9-13	VTCI/CTCI Convention	VTCI	Grapevine Texas	See Details Below
September 20	Save The Hobby Car Show	CCCEF	Parkton, MD	See Flyer Below
September 21	Cherry Fest	***MATC	Cascade MD	Details To Follow
October 9-12	Endless Summer OC	Special Events Prod	Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	Specialeventpro.com
October 18	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville	603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD	More Details To Follow
Dec 14	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg PA	Additional Details Forthcoming

There are many car shows and cruise nights in our service area on a weekly basis. Some of the more popular events are listed above. **Please also check out the complete list of events on the Car Show & Cruise Guide website @ [www.cruiseguide.com](http://www.cruiseguide.com).** If you know of a "local" show that you think will be of interest to our membership, please provide the information to Skip.



**[Save the hobby.org](http://Save the hobby.org)**



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

**June Birthdays:**

**Tom Young (5), Zoeanne Denham (9), John Horn (14), Bob Ridolfi (16),  
Kathy Ridolfi (31)**

**Membership:**

Welcome aboard to the following new members:

- **Carolyn Petralia & Phil Mooney, 2003 Mountain Shadow Gray.** *They have jumped right in getting involved with MATC by participating in the Bel Air 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.*

We look forward to seeing them at future MATC events.

Please remember to use the recruitment cards and/or flyer when you see prospective members and their cars.

**Member News & Happenings:**

*Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCl? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip*

- John Horn continues to recuperate at the Care Center at Oakcrest recovering from a fall and other medical issues.
- Dan Denham continues in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests to coordinate visits with her first.

- **As a reminder, Barbara Panowitz has assumed the responsibility of Sunshine Lady. MATC members are encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition. Barb's contact info: 443-504-5542 (phone or text); [ladyofthelake21014@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyofthelake21014@yahoo.com).**

Please keep our convalescing members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their medical issues.

*Please submit your news, special occasions, etc., to the editor for publication in the Newsletter to keep the membership up to date on member happenings, health, and well-being. Remember, inquiring minds want to know!*



## 2025 Car Cruises at Harford Vineyard

Come meet up at Harford Vineyard and relax with fellow car lovers!  
Enjoy great local wines, amazing cars, and beautiful scenery.

**Food by Fire on-site**  
**No outside food | No outside alcohol by law!**

### Upcoming Car Cruise Dates:

**April 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by Harford County Mopars  
**Rain Date:** April 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**May 24, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by Save the Hobby  
**Rain Date:** May 25th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**June 28, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by Passion 4 Pavement  
**Rain Date:** June 29th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

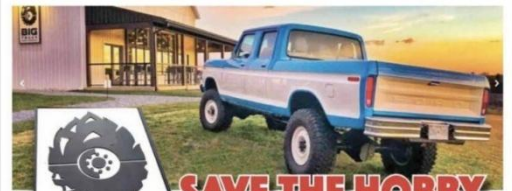
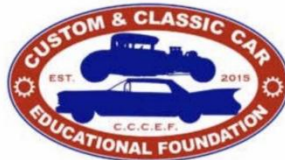
**July 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by Harford Mustangs & Our Friends  
**Rain Date:** July 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**August 23, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by AACA  
**Rain Date:** August 24th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**September 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
Hosted by AACA / Save the Hobby  
**Rain Date:** September 28th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**October 25, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
Hosted by Corvette & Van Clubs (Trunk or Treat)  
**Rain Date:** October 26th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for cars, wine, and fun!



## SAVE THE HOBBY CAR SHOW

**September 20, 2025**  
from 12-4pm Rain date 9/21

• Door Prizes and Raffles • Trophies • Great Food • Beer • Music

**19919 Cameron Mill Rd Parkton, MD 21120**

\$20 car registration to benefit the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation  
Free for spectators Registration from 11-1  
Activities all day and special music in the evening

**SaveTheHobby.org**

For more information call  
Doug 410-456-2227 or Dave 410-937-6866



## Motor Menders Rod & Custom



### 2025 Cruise Nights At The Markets At Shrewsbury

12025 Susquehanna Trail  
Glen Rock, PA 17327

<b>April 25</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>May 23</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>June 27</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>July 25</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>August 22</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>September 26</b>	4 pm - 8 pm
<b>October 24</b>	4 pm - 8 pm

**There are NO Rain Dates**

**NO TRAILERS IN SHOW AREA**

Funds Raised At Motor Menders Events Support Local Non Profit Charities.

**ALL VEHICLES WELCOME**

Dash Plaques  
3 Trophies  
50 / 50 DRAWING  
Oldies Music  
Good Food  
**\$2 DONATION**

### TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

**Saturday November 1**  
11 AM - 3 PM  
Rain or Shine  
**\$10 or a new \$10 toy**  
Benefits Local Charity





## MATC & VTCI At 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals







Our Own Tom Young's '60 Was Featured In The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display Tent







No, those white spots above and below are not digital “noise”. They are rain. Lots & lots of it for almost two hours on Friday, and enough to delay trekking to the showfield until nearly noon on Saturday. But, hey, what do you expect? it is Ford Carlisle!!







*Saturday Night Dinner At The Rustic Tavern, A Favorite*





## Annual Pot-Luck At The Denham's



Even though moving the date up to June from July to avoid the heat did not work out as planned, everyone had a great time playing Thunderbird Bingo. And there was plenty of great food too.





# It Isn't The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Without Parades and Thunderbirds

## First - Towson, MD



Staging Area #1



Staging Area #2













## A Little R&R At The Kelley's Between Parades





## Then - Bel Air, MD







A huge group of parade goers cheered on the "Vets" throughout the parade route

Our biggest fan!!









## Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2026

### Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 5-7, 2026

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2026 Carlisle Ford Nationals. A block of rooms has been reserved. The reservation link will be posted soon. We are again getting a special room rate and a hospitality room will be available. The host hotel information is listed below:

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81**  
1501 Commerce Ave  
Carlisle, PA  
717-241-0052

**The direct hotel reservation link will be posted as soon as it is available.**

Restaurant arrangements:

**Friday Night, June 5, Time & location TBD:**  
Stay tuned for more details in the future.

**Saturday Night, June 6, 6:30 PM:**

**Rustic Tavern, 823 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA**

It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a be dedicated menu, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

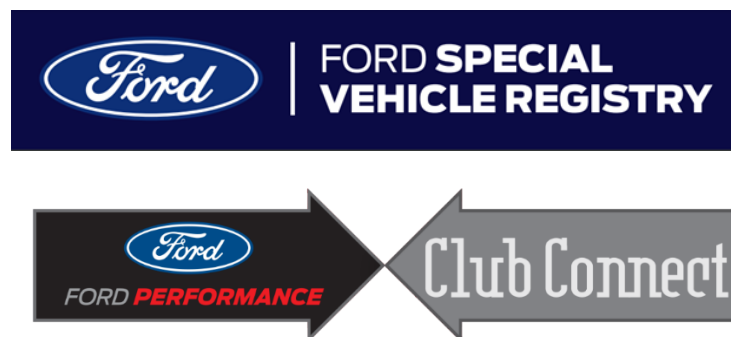
**Note:** Seating is will again likely be very, very limited.

### **2026 Carlisle FORD Nationals** **June 5, 6, 7**

Check the Carlisleevents.com website for information regarding early registration discounts.

**VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCT**

We had a great time this year (see photos) in spite of a little rain. Well, a lot of rain in a very short period of time. Plan to join us in 2026.



MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

[www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com](http://www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com)



## 2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

September 9-13, 2025  
Grapevine, Texas

**Inaugural, Joint International Thunderbird Club Event:** Where Thunderbird enthusiasts from around the World are invited to this first-ever Joint Thunderbird Club Event hosted by VTCI and CTCI to promote camaraderie, share experiences, renew old and make new friendships and most importantly to just have some FUN! Trailer or drive your Thunderbird to participate in Concours Or, drive your Thunderbird and take part in two driving tours of North Texas.

### Central Location - Grapevine, Texas

The premier visitor destination in North Texas. The city welcomes 12 million visitors annually and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Texas. Stroll the award-winning Urban Wine Trail, the Historic Main Street District, the Grapevine Mills Shopping Mall, and a host of other attractions and restaurants that are all accessible on the Free Grapevine Visitors Shuttle.



**Concours d'Elegance:** It's a Joint Thunderbird Event to mix, meet other Thunderbird owners and just have fun. But, VTCI and CTCI Concours judging activities will be conducted separately per each organization's time-honored standards.





**Event Hotel:** The Embassy Suites, North Grapevine provides guests with a two room suite, fitness facility, pool, complimentary made to order breakfast, and drinks/snacks at night; room rate is \$159.00/night. Hotel offers Suite accommodations, is pet friendly, with plenty of FREE car parking, FREE, ample trailer and tow vehicle parking for those bringing their car in a trailer,

FREE shuttle to the Historic Grapevine shopping/entertainment district; FREE shuttle to/from the DFW airport for those flying in, and adjacent to Bass Pro Shop for all your sporting needs shopping/browsing.

**Event Hotel Registration:**

Embassy Suites, North Grapevine, Texas  
2401 Bass Pro Drive  
Grapevine, Texas 76051

**Reservations:**

Group Code: C 90E, All Thunderbird Club  
(972) 724-2600

Convention Rate \$159 plus Tax and includes made to order breakfast.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Deadline for judged car entries: August 12, 2025.**

\*\*\*no refund for car entry cancellations after August 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Convention News and Updates**

Follow the VTCI and CTCI websites and Facebook pages; registration forms are available on the VTCI/CTCI websites and in the VTCI SCOOP and CTCI Early Bird.

*For more specific information regarding the schedule of activities and events: [vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2025internationalevents.pdf](http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2025internationalevents.pdf)*

July  
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity in the TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

*(I will except the generation name or any of the possible years)*

Bonus: Who is with the celebrity in the back seat?:

*(this one is too easy so more questions to answer are required. ed )*

**Respond to Skip with your guesses...er answers.**

*It is never too late to submit your answer.*

June  
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?:

**Kate Hudson**

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1962**

Bonus: **Who are her famous parents?**

**Goldie Hawn & Bill Hudson**

**Congratulations To Phyllis Cherry**

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**Previous Winners:**

2024

February: Judy Dickinson

March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert

April: Marsha Dixon

May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert

June: Dave Thomas

July: Cathy Kelly

August: Phyllis Cherry

September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli

October: Dave Thomas

November: Barb Melnyk

December: Cathy Kelley

2025

January: Earl Dickinson

February: Dan Lubert, Earl Dickinson

March: Bob Bossoli

April: Bob Bossoli

May: Scott Mummert

June: Phyllis Cherry

## Special Thunderbird Quiz for July

Below are images of almost every one of the 18 colors available on the 2002-2005 retro Thunderbirds. There will be a special prize (or prizes) who can:

- Correctly identify all of the colors shown. For special models the designation and official color name must be indicated. Note: Images #1 & 6 are the same.
- Image # 5 was available as standard color all four years of retro Thunderbird production-what is it?
  - It is also the body color of a special model. What is it? Here's a hint: It was the first special model.
- What color is missing? What is its significance?







JOHN CARPENTER'S  
**CHRISTINE**  
UNLEADED



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT MY CAR MAN,  
**SHE'S REAL SENSITIVE.**

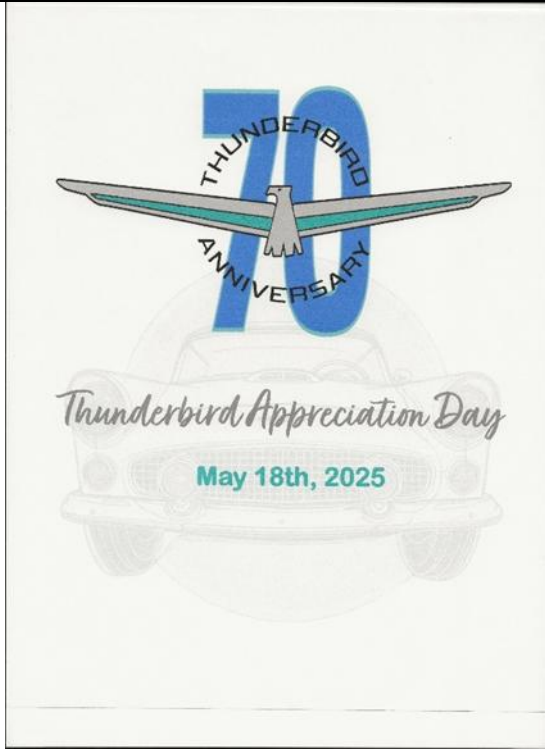
AUGUST 2025

A BOWEN KOBETZ Production  
COLUMBIA PICTURES Presents A JOHN CARPENTER FILM JOHN CARPENTER'S "CHRISTINE" A BOWEN KOBETZ Production  
Starring GETHIN GEDDART, DAN STODOLSKY, ALEXANDER PAUL, ROBERT RICHIE, HARRY DEAN DUTTON  
Director of Photography DONALD W. HOGAN, A.S.C. Associate Producer BRIAN BETHUNE Co-produced by LARRY TRACCO  
Executive Producers KERRY MCQUEEN and PAMELA TRACCO Based upon the novel by STEPHEN KING  
Screenplay by BILL HILLIS Produced by BOWEN KOBETZ  
Directed by JOHN CARPENTER  
CAST THE BEST BELONGING TO THEM BY THEMSELVES  
FROM YOUNG-RELL



## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **Thunderbird 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts**



**The shirt will be red in color with logo to left displayed on front.**

**Prices:**

**S-XL = \$11**

**XXL = \$13**

**3XL = \$14**

**Only a few remain available!!**

**Please contact Cathy via email regarding availability.**



### **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hats**

**\$15 Each**

**(plus s&h as applicable)**

**While Supply Very Limited Lasts**

**Contact Cathy or Steve If Interested**





## Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

"A Club for Enthusiasts of the Ford Thunderbird of all years"

### Application for Membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I was referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

#### List your Thunderbirds:

Car	Year	Style (HT, Conv, Landau, color)	Use (show, pleasure, restoring)	VIN
1				
2				
3				
4				

Annual Dues: \$25 due each January. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup>, (INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (3 months free))

Name Tags \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT names for tags above. Separate by comma if more than one.

**Send To:** Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:

**Ron Hill, Treasurer; 1905 Cypress Drive, Bel Air, 21015; 410-569-0106**

Visit us at [www.midatlanticbirdclub.org](http://www.midatlanticbirdclub.org) Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club is a tax-exempt Association under IRC 501 (c) (7).

(Revised January 2025)



# Vintage Thunderbird Club International



## VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from above-please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable & mail to:  
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

\*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.

March/April 2020

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## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

### OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

*& Facebook Too*

Serving 1955-2005 Ford Thunderbird Owners and

Enthusiasts in The Mid-Atlantic Area:

MD, VA, DE, WV, So.PA

#### Affiliated With:



VTCI



ITC

#### Benefits of Membership Include:

- Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds
- Social Gatherings
- Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

